

STATEN ISLAND BOOSTERS PLANNING

Campaign of Development Soon to Be Launched--Island Is Twice as Large as Manhattan.

The new undeveloped mobile water-front of the other boroughs of New York will be put together, Richmond Island boosters are sure to come as soon as the war is over. The Staten Island Civic League has just mapped out its program for 1915, which includes concrete construction factories, port facilities, reorganization and centralization of the post office system, a scientific city plan and a campaign to procure for Staten Island the New York free port advocated by the Merchants Association.

The Borough of Richmond is said to have the worst post office system in this part of the country. With a population of 95,000 spread over 57 square miles of territory--twice and half again the area of Manhattan--it has twenty-two distinct post offices, relics of the days when Staten Island was a collection of forty-three separate towns and villages. When consolidation was effected in 1898 the civic administration was, of course, centralized, but the post office system remained unchanged, and it has done more than any other one thing to prevent the fusion of all sections and the development of a real borough spirit.

Its workings are curious. A letter addressed to Port Richmond and mailed at West New Brighton, less than two miles away, goes first to the railway post office at St. George, more than three miles away, where it is rehandled and then started upon its four-mile journey back along its first route, arriving at the Port Richmond office anywhere from twelve to twenty-four hours after it was mailed. To remedy such evil the Civic League has begun a public campaign for a centralized system.

Complete unification will aid greatly in promoting cooperation among the residents of all sections, but in order to hasten and guide the development which this conservation will help to bring about the Civic League believes that a scientific city plan is indispensable. Several months ago President McAneny of the Board of Aldermen, chairman of the Board of Estimate's City Plan Committee, in an interview said that his finest opportunity for constructive work lay in Richmond and Queens and that preliminary work was already being done on which reports would be made within a year. This will not be a civic beautification project, but a scientific presentation, based upon present indications, of the various zones to be devoted to manufacturing, dock and warehouse, station, retail business centers, zoning and residential development.

A flat plan will make it possible for manufacturers to extend their trade to the more populated districts with certainty about the future and not on a gamble. Richmond and Queens are the only boroughs of the city in which such work can now be done.

The Civic League hopes to procure the free port for Staten Island. The free port, which would provide a place where dutiable goods could be transshipped and even manipulated within a restricted area without payment of duty and could be stored without payment of bonded warehouse fees, would be a great asset to any section. Staten Island and South Brooklyn are the only locations available for such a project in Greater New York, and the Staten Island Civic League believes that, with the cooperation of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, which has direct and quick connection with the mainland, Staten Island, with its cheap land and great stretches of undeveloped waterfront, can be made much the more advantageous of the two.

Match development work is expected to be done by a new committee of the Civic League which is now being organized by Secretary M. K. Nash, to be called the Trade Development Committee. The membership of this committee will be made up of manufacturers and business men who will work together in the name of the Civic League and with its support.

FLAT BUILDING IN L. I. CITY.

Most of Week's New Operations for Multifamily Houses.

Applications for the erection of new buildings to cost \$342,000 were filed last week in Queens.

The Mathews Building Company has started building operations on Broadway between Eleventh avenue and Grand Avenue east of Eleventh avenue and on Eleventh avenue north of Newtown road, Long Island City. Albert Hodler will erect three-story brick tenements on Grand Avenue west of Steinway Avenue, Long Island City, at a cost of \$8,000 each. Denots Bros. will erect four-story brick tenements on Paynter Avenue, Long Island City, at a cost of \$11,500 each.

BIG NEWARK HOTEL SOON.

Work on the Military Plaza Resumed--To Be Ready in February.

NEWARK, N. J., Nov. 14.—Work on the new Military Plaza Hotel, which has been suspended since August, has started again this week and efforts will be made to have it completed some time in February.

When operations on the building were stopped the owners attributed it to a way in the war in Europe crippling the money market. Changes made in the Park Investment Company give the concern sufficient funds to carry out the work without interruption.

The Department of Buildings granted twenty-four permits for the erection of new structures in this city during the week, the estimated cost of which was about \$200,000. One of the permits was issued to the H. C. Schneider Construction Company for two four-story brick apartment houses at 322 to 328 Belmont Avenue at a cost of \$60,000 each.

The building nearly completed for a three-story Colonial style house Dr. Maurice Asher proposes to build at 154 Clinton Avenue at a cost of \$20,000. The house will have a frontage of twenty-six feet and a depth of sixty-five feet.

Nathan Myers is the architect. It will contain a suite of offices and six apartments.

The Mathews Building Company, Brooklyn, capital, \$1,000; directors, Joseph Cannon, Morris Solberg and Frank H. Leibnitz, New York.

The Mathews Building Company, Manhattan, capital, \$2,000; directors, Max Weinberg, Brooklyn; Louis Lewenhoff and Sarah Weilson, New York city.

The Bayway Land Improvement Company, Manhattan; capital, \$1,000; directors, Joseph Cannon, Morris Solberg and Frank H. Leibnitz, New York.

The Modern Home Company, Brooklyn, capital, \$10,000; directors, Joseph Mintz, George Kirbach and Benjamin Levin, Brooklyn, N. Y.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGES.

Manhattan.

BELLAPLIA CONST CO to Annie Harris, \$1.

STEIN, Robert to Rebecca Feuerstein, \$2,000.

LAWYERS INS CO to John W. Gandy, \$1,000.

KATZ, Sam to Margy Van C. Gandy, \$1,000.

HIRSH, Jacob to Albert Handly, \$1,000.

WEISS, Walter M. to Emil Handly, \$1,000.

FRIEDMAN, H. to Leo Powell, \$1,000.

GREIBEL, John, ex & thus to Union Trust Co of America, \$1,000.

TITLE GUARANTEE & TRUST CO to George S. Bixler, \$1,000.

BROOKLYN.

SINSKE, Morris to Monte Realty Co, \$1,000.

MURPHY, Josephine to Sarah Browning, \$1,000.

COHEN, Max to Dollar Sav. Bank, \$3,000.

KATZ, Meyer to Wm. B. Rose, \$1,000.

DENNETT, RILEY CO to John Eggers, \$100.

ROSENBERG, David to Adam Moran, \$1,000.

SAMIS to same, \$1,000.

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